

(a) *Prospecting permits* allow the permittee to explore for deposits of potassium or any potassium compound.

(b) *Preference right leases* are issued to the holders of prospecting permits who demonstrate the discovery of a valuable deposit of potassium or any potassium compound under the permit and the lands covered by the permit are chiefly valuable for potassium or any potassium compound.

(c) *Exploration licenses* allow the licensee to explore known deposits of potassium or any potassium compound to obtain data but do not grant the licensee any preference or other right to a lease.

(d) *Competitive leases* are issued for known deposits of potassium or any potassium compound and allow the lessee to mine the deposit.

(e) *Fringe acreage leases* are issued noncompetitively for known deposits of potassium or any potassium compound adjacent to existing mines on non-federal lands which can only be mined as part of the existing mining operation.

(f) *Lease modifications* are used to add known deposits of potassium or any potassium compound to an adjacent Federal lease which contains an existing mine, provided the deposits can only be mined as part of the existing mining operation.

§ 3530.2 Other applicable regulations.

§ 3530.2-1 General leasing regulations.

Part 3500 of this title contains the general regulations governing the leasing of solid minerals other than coal and oil shale and supplements, as applicable, the regulations in this part. The part 3500 regulations include, but are not limited to, such matters as multiple mineral development, environmental review, other agency consent and consultation, and lands not available for leasing. Cross-reference to specific regulations in part 3500 is provided in this part as an aid to the reader and is not intended to limit the applicability of part 3500 only to the cross-referenced regulations.

§ 3530.2-2 Special areas.

Part 3580 of this title contains regulations specific to certain national recreation areas and to certain lands

patented to the State of California, and as applicable, supplements this part. Except where specific regulations in part 3580 of this title are applicable, the regulations in this part and part 3500 of this title shall govern the leasing of deposits of potassium or any potassium compound in those national recreation areas and those patented lands.

§ 3530.3 Allowable acreage holdings.

No person, association or corporation shall hold at any particular time, either directly or indirectly, more than 51,200 acres in permits and leases in any 1 State, except, the authorized officer may authorize additional acreage if he/she finds, upon a satisfactory showing by the applicant, that the additional acreage is needed for the economic and efficient extraction of potassium from concentrated brines in connection with the lessee's existing mining operations.

Subpart 3531—Lease Terms and Conditions

§ 3531.1 Applicability of lease terms and conditions.

The lease terms and conditions set out under this section apply to all leases issued or readjusted under part 3530 of this title. Each lease shall be issued on a form approved by the Director and shall be dated as of the first day of the month after its approval by the authorized officer unless the applicant requests in writing that it be dated the first day of the month in which it is approved. Each lease shall authorize, in accordance with its terms and conditions, the mining of potassium, potassium compounds and other related products, including, but not limited to, sodium and sodium compounds.

§ 3531.2 Rental and royalty.

§ 3531.2-1 Rental.

(a) Each lease shall provide for the payment of rental at the rate of 25 cents per acre or fraction thereof for the first calendar year or fraction thereof, 50 cents for the second, third, fourth and fifth years and \$1 for the sixth and each succeeding year during